

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A software program storage medium for storing a software program provided to a user, wherein  
5        said storage medium comprises a recordable portion, and  
         a user's access authorization data is recorded in said recordable portion of said storage medium.
2. The software program storage medium according to claim 1, wherein  
10    said storage medium further comprises a read-only portion for storing said software program.
3. The software program storage medium according to claim 1, wherein  
15    said user's access authorization data comprises user information for specifying said user and said user's access environment, and payment information related to payment of fees to a rights holder.
4. The software program storage medium according to claim 1, wherein  
20    said recordable portion comprises a write-once portion, and  
      said user's access authorization data is recorded in said write-once portion of said storage medium.
5. A software program rights management system for managing rights to access a software program provided to a user, comprising  
25    an access authorization issuing means for issuing a user's access authorization data;  
      a storage management means for storing said user's access authorization data; and  
      a data communication means for binding said access authorization  
30    issuing means with said storage management means.
6. The software program rights management system according to Claim 5,

wherein said storage management means further comprises a software program storage medium including a recordable portion for storing a software program provided to a user and said user's access authorization data.

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7. The software program rights management system according to Claim 5, wherein said storage management means further comprises

a software program storage medium including a recordable portion for storing a software program provided to a user and said user's access

10 authorization data; and

a database apparatus for storing said user's access authorization data.

6. The software program rights management system according to claim 5, wherein said user's access authorization data includes user information for

15 specifying a user and said user's access environment; and payment information related to payment of fees to a rights holder.

7. A management method for software program rights for managing rights to use a software program provided to a user, comprising the

20 following steps of

storing a software program provided to a user; and

storing said user's access authorization data into a recordable portion of a software program storage medium having a recordable portion.

25 8. The method for software program access management according to claim 7, further comprising the step of storing a user's access authorization data into a database, along with said recordable portion of said software program storage medium.

30 9. The method for software program access management according to claim 7, wherein said user access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user access environment and

payment information related to payment of fees to a rights holder.

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